(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Human Rights Commissions at the State levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any State Government has set up any such Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) and (b) There are provisions in the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 for setting up of State Human Rights Commissions by the State Governments in Sections 20 to 29. The State Governments have been advised to set up State Human Rights Commissions in their respective states.

(c) and (d) As per available information the State Governments of West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Assam have already set up State Human Rights Commission as per provisions in the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

Railway Dues

4895. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge outstanding amount is to be recovered by the Railways from the National Thermal Power Corporation and Electricity Boards to some of the States;

(b) if so, the amount outstanding as on June 30, 1996 against the NTPC and various Electricity Boards, separately;

(c) whether the Railways are facing financial crunch as a result of not getting the amount of this magnitude from them; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by the Government to recover the said dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Amount outstanding as on 30.6.96 is as under:—

S. No.	Name of State Electricity Boards/Power Houses	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh State Elec. Board	24.05
2.	Assam State Electricity Board	4.16
3.	Bihar State Electricity Board	4.66
4.	Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking	94.76
5.	Gujarat State Electricity Board	6.13
6.	Haryana State Electricity Board	56.91
7.	Karnataka State Electricity Board	0.51
8.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board	33.44
9.	M.P. State Electricity Board	3.29
10.	Punjab State Electricity Board	14.94
11.	Rajasthan State Electricity Board	1.49
12.	Tamil Nadu State Elec. Board	0.33
13.	U.P. State Electricity Board	37.59
14.	West Bengal State Elec. Board	20.78
15.	N.T.P.C./Badarpur Th. Power Plant	688.54
16.	N.T.P.C./Others	32.51
	Total of freight and demurrage charges	1024.09

(c) Since the Railways have been asked to increasingly depend on internal generation of resources; the outstanding amout due from N.T.P.C. and other State Electricity Boards affects the resource generation of the Railways.

(d) The main difficulties which the Railways face is the failure of the power utilities to pay the freight charges whenever consignments are booked on 'To Pay' basis. The following important steps have been taken for timely recovery of coal haulage charges:

(a) Keeping constant dialogue with the authorities of the power utilities for expeditious clearance of dues.

(b) Occasional stoppage of supply of wagons and delivery of consignments, as an extreme step.

(c) Keeping 15% difference between "To Pay" and "paid" freight.

(d) Introduction of advance payment scheme through a deposit by the concerned State Electricity Board, of one month's transactions in advance in the destination Railway.

(e) Compulsory pre-payment of freight, where consignments are now booked on "To Pay" basis, w.e.f. 1.10.96.

It is expected that with the introduction of the measures at (d) and (e), the position in this regard will improve.

[Translation]

Atrocities by Police

4896. DR. RAM VILAS VEDANTI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of child killings are going on in the wake of terror of hyena in the Pratapgarh and other districts of U.P.;

(b) whether the people of Pratapgarh and adjacent areas are forced to stay outside their villages for the